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In re application of: :  
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For: HIGH THROUGHPUT ASSAY SYSTEM USING MASS  
SPECTROMETRY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

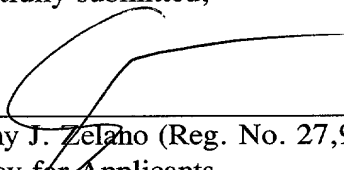
**IN THE SPECIFICATION**


Page 1, after the Title insert: -- This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/30515, filed December 22, 1999, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/218,166, filed December 22, 1998, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/109,076, filed July 21, 1998; this application claims priority to 60/068,291, filed December 19, 1997. --

**REMARKS**

The assignee qualifies for small-entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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